

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – USC 35 §103

The rejection of claims 9-10 under USC35 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weintraub et al (Atherosclerosis, 1998) is maintained.

Claim 9 is amended as shown in the Listing of claims. Claim 10 is dependent from claim 9. Limitations of claim 9 are read into claim 10.

Applicants submit that the amendments overcome the rejection to claims 9 - 10.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112, second Paragraph

Claims 9-14 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 9 is amended as shown in the Listing of claims. Claim 10-14 are directly or ultimately dependent from claim 9. Limitations of claim 9 are read into claims 10-14.

Applicants submit that the amendments overcome the rejection to claims 9 - 14.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 11-14 are rejected as being unpatentable over unpatentable over Weintraub et al (Atherosclerosis, 1998).

Claims 11-14 are directly of ultimately dependent from claim 9. Claim 9 is amended as shown in the Listing of claims. Limitations of claim 9 are read into these claims 11-14.

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As it is agreed upon by the Examiner, Weintraub et al fail to teach reduction of plasma glucose concentrations in human or non-human mammals in need thereof (Office Action 01/21/2010, page 3, last paragraph). Instead, Weintraub et al teaches clearance of PPLp, therefore teaching away from the claimed invention.

Since Weintraub et al fail to teach, and further, teaching away from the instant invention, instant invention would not have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that amendments and reasoning above overcome the rejections to the claims. Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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